

REMARKS

Applicants thank the examiner for her time to discuss this case.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, claims 2 - 6 and 13 - 14 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 15-28 have been added in response to the examiner's objections and determination of allowable subject matter in the instant case.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to add the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Independent claim 15 has been added which incorporates the limitations of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, and dependent claims 16 – 21 have been added which depend from claim 15. Independent claim 22 has been added which incorporates the limitations of claims 1, 2 and 6, and dependent claims 23 – 28 have been added which depend from claim 22. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims now in the case are novel and non-obvious in view of Fischere USP 4041119, in view of Zyngier, et al., USP 5703025 for the reasons of record.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendment and remarks, applicants submit that all claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would facilitate prosecution of the application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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